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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project called "Intervention in sex Industry" was initiated in the country as mentioned in NACO's publication country scenario 1998-99;

(b) if so, the objective of the project;

(c) the outcome of it;

(d) year-wise investment in this project;

(e) whether the project is still on; and

(f) if so, the time taken by when it is likely to be concluded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Targeted Intervention projects for Sex Workers were under taken based on assessment done in 1992. The projects were initiated in the year 1992 in Chennai, Kamatipura & Khetawadi Project in Mumbai, Sonagachi Project in Kolkata.

(b) The objectives of the interventions were:-

1. To help in modification of sexual behaviour of sex worker and their clients so as to make it safe.

2. To enable sex worker to sustain the changed sexual behaviour.

3. To develop an effective strategy and guidelines of intervention programme which can be replicated in other areas.

(c) The intervention has helped in bringing desired behaviour change thereby promoting safer sexual practices & hence reduction in Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

Based on the experiences from these projects, interventions are being conducted in different parts of the country.

(d) Initially the project was supported by bilateral agencies. The details of investment made by the respective State AIDS Control Societies in the project is:

Kamatipura and Khetawadi project in Mumbai:

Sr.No.	Year	Amount (in Rs.)
1	1999-2000	772317.00
2	2000-2001	957941.35
3	2001-2002	913758.09
4	2002-2003	1099575.00
5	2003-2004	2100074.00
6	2004-2005 (Till Sep. 04)	1258350.00

Sonagachi Project in West Bengal :

Sr.No.	Year	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	2001-2002	11396256/-
2.	2002-2003	13962493/-
3.	2003-2004	14151077/-
4.	2004-2005	13935220/-

(e) & (f) The projects are ongoing because the target population of these interventions have large turn around and the behaviour change communication as well as empowerment of the marginalized community requires sustained support, till the objectives of National AIDS Control Programme are met.